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Arab Archives Institute Report  
**Death Penalty in Jordan**



Report prepared for the year 2003 – Amman- Jordan

*Total no. of convictions 18*  
*Number of Women convicted: 3*

**Rulings of death penalties**

1- January 9, 2003:

Source: Court papers obtained by Arab Archives Institute.

*Number of convictions: 2*

The criminal court sentenced **Mohammad Shams Eddin Sayyad** and **Anola Vega Singham** (woman) to death for premeditated murder. Anola is a Sri Lankan maid working for the deceased Samaan Daoud who used to force her into having a sexual intercourse with him. Anola complained to the other convict Mohammad Sayyad who planned to rob and kill Samaan Daoud.

2- March 31, 2003

Source: Court papers obtained by Arab Archives Institute.

*Number of convictions: 1*

**Rashad Walid Saeed Al Majdoubeh**, a 20-year-old man was sentenced to death by the Criminal Court after being convicted of the premeditated murder of Mohammad Abed Ahmad for a barber shop owner in Hashemi Shamali in 2001.

Walid was standing trial for murdering Mohammad Ahmad and for attempting to murder Khader Abed in a barbers shop in the Amman neighbourhood on Oct. 7, 2001.

3- March 24, 2003.

Source: Jordan Times daily.

*Number of conviction: 1*

**Hashem K.**, a 22-year-old man who was sentenced to death by the Criminal Court after being convicted of raping an eight-year-old child in Irbid last year.

4- April 13, 2003

Source: Court papers obtained by Arab Archives Institute.

*Number of convictions: 1*

**Mohammad Hassan Abdel Jawad Shahin** was sentenced to death for murdering Kamal Shihab on May 5, 2002 for stealing 60 Jordanian Dinars

5- April 30, 2003

Source: Al Ra'i daily

*Number of convictions: 2*

The State Security court condemned three men to death, for a terrorist bombing that killed two people. The defendants were convicted of planting a bomb under the car of the wife of a senior Jordanian intelligence officer, Lt. Col. Ali Burjaq, in a district of Amman on Feb. 28, 2002. The time-bomb exploded, killing two passing workers. Burjaq escaped unharmed.

The court found that defendant Mohammad Arafat Hijazi planned the attack. He was convicted of terrorist conspiracy and condemned to death by hanging. His two accomplices, Mustafa Siam and Ahed Abdullah Khreisat, who are at large, were found guilty of terrorist conspiracy and condemned to death in absentia.

On July 23, 2003, (*court papers obtained by Arab Archives Institute*) the Court of Cassation upheld the death sentence ruling against **Mohammad Arafat Shabaneh and Mohammad Jamil Arabiyyat**.

6- April 30, 2003

Source: Court papers obtained by Arab Archives Institute.

*Number of convictions: 2*

The criminal court sentenced **Raed X** and **Amir Hussein** to death for murdering a man for the purpose of robbery.

7- May 4, 2003.

Source: Court papers obtained by Arab Archives Institute.

*Number of convictions: 1*

The Criminal Court upheld its May 2002 death sentence passed against **Raed Khalil Khalaf Saadah**, a 26-year-old man who robbed and murdered his friend in a deserted area near Mafraq in 2000. Raed Khalil was convicted along with Amir Anwar of murdering and then setting the body of truck driver Ahmad Awadat on fire in a wooded area to conceal their crime in December 2000. May 4, 2003

8- May 12, 2003.

Source: Court papers obtained by Arab Archives Institute.

*Number of convictions: 2*

**Ali Jabbar Tahir Ali**, and **Ward Amin Abd al-Qadir Abdallah**: accused of premeditated murder and possession of arms.

9- May 12, 2003:

Source: Court papers obtained by Arab Archives Institute.

*Number of convictions: 1*

**Turfa Odeh Salman Salamin** (woman) was sentenced to death after being convicted of premeditated murder for killing her husband following heated debates.

10- May 29, 2003.

Source: Jordan Times and Court papers obtained by Arab Archives Institute.

*Number of convictions: 1*

**Ibrahim Ahmad Abdel Rahim**, a 25-year-old Egyptian national, was sentenced to death by the Criminal Court after convicting him of the murder of his former employer in Sahab in September 2002.

11- July 8, 2003:

Source: Court papers obtained by Arab Archives Institute.

*Number of convictions: 2*

Court of Cassation upheld a death penalty ruling against two brothers **Nawaf Baroud and Ramzi Baroud** who were convicted on April 23, 2003 of premeditated murder of Ahmad Mohammad Abu Jubran in Jerash in October 2000 for past feud.

12- July 17, 2003:

Source: Court papers obtained by Arab Archives Institute.

*Number of convictions: 1*

The Criminal Court sentenced **Itisam X** (woman) for murdering two children Ahmad and Fatima, the brother and sister of a man who broke a promise to marry her.

13- October 2, 2003, Al Ra'I

*(no. of convictions 1)*

The State Security Court upheld its previous death sentence on Feb. 11, 2002 ruling against **Raed Hijazi**, a Jordanian-American citizen, who was condemned to death for conspiring to bomb tourist sites. Raed Hijazi was being retried at the court after a higher court overturned his conviction in October 2002, ruling that the military tribunal had "insufficient evidence to convict him of possessing and manufacturing explosives."

Also May 4, 2003.

**NB: Exact number of executions have to be obtained directly from the different prisons administrations. Some of the above-mentioned rulings of death penalties might have been overturned or not carried out yet. Also, according to information provided by a court specialist, there had been around 30 cases of death penalties rulings that have not been endorsed by the king throughout Jordan history. The accused remain in prison.**

*Executions- to be presented and updated at a later date.*

1- May 22, 2003: **Bassam K.** was hanged

2- May 24, 2003 **A. F.** was hanged

3- August 23: Two Executions: **Nawaf Baroud and Ramzi Baroud** were convicted of premeditated murder of Ahmad Mohammad Abu Jubran in Jerash in October 2000 for past feud. Ruling was issued on April 23, 2003.

4- **Jamal Darwish Fatayer**, a Palestinian born in Iraq, was hanged at dawn on 25 August at Swaqa prison, south of the capital Amman. He had been sentenced to death on 17 December 2002 for his alleged role in the 1994 killing in Beirut of Jordanian diplomat Na'ib 'Umran al-Ma'aytah. His appeal against the sentence was turned down by the Court of Cassation in April 2003.

5- October 28, 2003 - Two Executions **Ali Jabbar Tahir 'Ali, Ward Amin 'Abd al-Qadir 'Abdallah** were hanged.

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